

## OIL AND COAL MEASURE HAS BEEN KILLED ALASKAN MEASURES PASSED

### LAFOLLETTE OBSTRUCTIONISTS VIRTUALLY KILL MEASURE FOR LEASING OIL AND COAL LANDS

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—Consternation was noticeable on the floor of the senate today among the members who were supporting the measure providing for the leasing of the coal and oil lands of the states when the obstructionist element under the leadership of Senator Robert M. LaFollette virtually killed the bill providing for such action.

#### WAS A BOMBSHELL

The members of the senate were totally unprepared for the action of Senator LaFollette as it was supposed that all differences pertaining to the provisions of the bill had been settled some days ago when the measure came up for consideration. At that time LaFollette objected to the amendments made to the bill which would extend the provisions of the act to Alaska. The matter was referred back to the conference and the objected-to features struck out. The bill was presented today by the conference for voting upon by the members of the senate. Before the roll call could be taken the senator again arose and interjected a rule of order, which the chair had to sustain.

#### BILL WILL NOT PASS THIS SESSION

Altho the conference report had been adopted by the house managers and passed on to the senate it is conceded that there is no chance of the bill being passed at this session of congress. The interference of Senator LaFollette is deeply resented by those members who wished to see the measure pass before the adjournment was taken.

### GENERAL DEFICIENCY BILL HAS PASSED THE HOUSE; MEASURES FOR ALASKA BEEN ACTED UPON

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—The senate appropriation committee today thru its chairman, Swager Sherley, reported favorably upon the general deficiency appropriation bill and it is expected that it will be passed at this session of congress. The house passed the measure yesterday, rail-roading it over other unimportant matters.

#### ALASKAN MEASURES PROVIDED FOR

Included in the general deficiency bill was a clause granting the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to be used for the relief of influenza sufferers in Alaska. There was also included the sum of two hundred thousand dollars for additional lighthouse vessels for the coast of Alaska. The latter sum was asked for a few days after the wrecking of the Princess Sophia in Lynn canal. The influenza appropriation is a recent request.

#### NON-ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION SIGNED

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—President Wilson today signed the resolution introduced in congress some time ago which provided for the suspension of the legal requirements of assessment work on mining claims in Alaska during the years of 1917, 1918, and 1919. The measure becomes a law and the claim holders in the North will be allowed another year in which to hold their claims without doing the annual assessment work.

### NOMINATIONS OF ALASKANS REPORTED ON

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—The senate judiciary committee today favorably reported upon the nominations of Charles E. Bunnell, of Fairbanks, for federal judge for the Fourth judicial division of Alaska. The nomination of Rhinehart F. Roth for the office of district attorney for the same division was also reported on favorably.

The nominations at the time they came before the senate were held up by the action of Senator Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, who protested the confirmation on the grounds that the nominees had taken a too active part in the election of Charles Sulzer as delegate. The matter was referred by the judiciary committee to a sub-committee. The report of the sub-committee was returned to the judiciary, which viewed the nomination favorably.

Should the confirmations be made it will make the second term of of-

fice for both men. Bunnell was named as judge on January 5th, 1915. Roth was appointed on October 24th, 1914.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS ON ATTORNEY NOMINATION

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—The senate judiciary committee today unanimously ordered that a favorable report be made on the nomination of A. Palmer Mitchell as attorney-general of the United States.

### JAPS MAY NOT ENTER LEAGUE

HONOLULU, March 1.—(P)—A despatch received from Tokio indicates that Japan is not in favor of the league of nations as constituted under the present constitution.

Premier Hara in an address before the Japanese cabinet stated that the present constitution of the league was incompatible with the ideas of Japan regarding many questions and it must be altered or modified in those regards before that country would join the league.

### WOULD LIMIT ADMISSION OF RUSSIAN RACE

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—Senator Henry F. Ashurst, of Arizona, today addressed the senate concerning the admission of certain foreign races to the United States. In the belief of the senator a limitation should be placed on the admission of Russians, Greeks, Czechs, Slovaks, Bulgarians and Armenians. He predicts a rush of these races to America when final peace adjustments are made and believes that now is the time to prevent the massing of these races in America. He declared that there would be no more United States if the free admission of these races was allowed to continue, the great number of these peoples who would come across the ocean would wipe out the American institutions and social and living conditions would become the same as those of the foreign element.

He spoke at some length in support of the bill aimed at the Americanization of foreigners and the abolishment of illiteracy.

### REVOLUTION IN GERMANY NEAR

LONDON, March 1.—(P)—Late reports from Holland state that a revolutionary movement in Germany is imminent. It is believed that the propaganda being circulated by those favoring the return of the kaiser is taking root among the people and the revolution will be used as the means of restoring him to the throne.

It was also reported that Chancellor Scheidemann has resigned his portfolio, not wishing to become embroiled in the disturbance which appears not far off. The chancellor will retire to private life on one of the estates which he possesses.

### MAKE DECISION ON REFERENDUM

SEATTLE, March 1.—(P)—All delegations of the metal councils of this city, Tacoma and Aberdeen will convene at Tacoma next Sunday to take action on the proposed referendum pertaining to the strike. This meeting will decide whether the unions will return to work or not.

It is generally believed here that all of the unions will return to their work. The members of the unions in this city are beginning to feel the effects of the strike, many of them becoming destitute and having no credit.

### CROWD PRESENT AT BARN DANCE

The barn dance given under the auspices of the Eagles last evening was well attended, nearly all of the farmers and farmerettes in the country being present. The interior of the hall was made to represent a barn and from the generous display of horse collars and harness, together with an abundance of hay, the farmers must have felt at home.

Long after midnight the revelry held sway and it was not until the late hours that the dancers felt they had enough for one evening. The opinion of those attending was that it pays to be a farmer sometimes. During the evening refreshments were served.

#### OVER MILLION MEN OF ARMY ARE DEMOBILIZED

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—General Peyton C. March announced today that 1,301,959 enlisted men and officers had been discharged from service up to the present time. Of this number 77,543 were officers.

### STUDENTS WERE INJURED WHILE EXPERIMENTING

SEATTLE, March 1.—(P)—Thru a premature bomb explosion five students of the chemistry class at the University of Washington were badly injured today. The explosion took place in the chemical laboratory while one of the students was experimenting with a new formula of explosive chemicals.

Harry Bealls, one of the injured students, was trying to follow the instructions of the head of the department in a new mixture instead of adhering to the prescribed directions. The explosion resulted. The laboratory was wrecked completely, thousands of dollars of expensive apparatus being shattered by the force of the explosion. All of the injured students will recover.

### SITUATION HAS SERIOUS LOOK

BERNE, March 1.—(P)—Messages describing the situation in Germany as becoming extremely critical are being constantly received in this city. The strike situation is spreading to an alarming extent, especially in central Germany. Disorders of all sorts are reported thruout that section.

All railway traffic in these sections has been stopped and the authorities fear that a reign of terror is about to be inaugurated in the provinces of Erfurt, Gera, Greiz and Halle. The disturbing element is very strong in these localities and are daily adding to their forces.

### WILL LIQUIDATE ALIEN PROPERTY

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—A. Mitchell Palmer in his report to the senate covering the alien property now in his custody, states that he has found it necessary to continue the liquidation of the large German interests which he seized.

This action, he stated, was necessary in order to prevent the renewal of attempts at commercial dominance by the German interests in the United States.

### PRESIDENT HAD ONE BUSY WEEK

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—President Wilson closed one of the busiest weeks he has ever experienced during his occupancy of the White House. During the week he signed twenty-three bills and joint resolutions, one of which allowed the voluntary enlistment in the army up to a hundred and seventy-five thousand.

Besides reading and signing the bills he found time to receive the new ministers from Peru, Serbia, Slovenia and Croatia. He extended the courtesies due each, according to their office. One would suppose from his manner in greeting the new representatives that he had ample time for ceremony.

### COMMUNICATION IS THREATENED

STOCKHOLM, March 1.—(P)—That the lines of communication in Russia are being threatened is evidenced by the instructions given out from Petrograd to the economic council of the soviet government. That body was informed that unless the lines of communication were not bettered by the middle of April the whole of the interior of Russia would be cut off from the western portion.

### FOCH PRESENTS TERMS TO BE IMPOSED ON GERMANY; MUST MAKE AN IMMEDIATE PAYMENT

PARIS, March 1.—(P)—Marshal Foch today laid before the great powers the military terms which the war council recommends be imposed upon Germany. The council has been working upon this matter ever since the armistice was signed and completed their labors late last night that their findings might be submitted to the conference at the earliest possible date.

#### PEACE PRELIMINARIES SOON

PARIS, March 1.—(P)—It was announced today that the peace conference would start their examinations on the questions pertaining to the disarmament of Germany and other questions pertaining to the settlement of peace terms. Among the matters that will be given first consideration will be the financial settlements involved. Other conditions to be imposed will also be taken up as pre-peace preliminaries.

#### MUST MAKE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT

PARIS, March 1.—(P)—The commission on reparation has finished its study of the claims for indemnity that have been presented and will file the report with the conference at the first meeting next week. The findings of this committee embraced the opinion that Germany must make an immediate payment of a part of the indemnity to be exacted and recommended that the balance be extended over a period of years. The commission also stipulated in what manner the payment must be made.

#### ALLIES AND WILSON AGREE

PARIS, March 1.—(P)—The publication Gaulois in today's issue makes the statement that the allies and President Wilson agree on all points involved in the peace settlement. This paper has made an effort to keep close track of all the proceedings and their experts find but little variance in the plans proposed for a settlement.

#### QUICK FINISH LOOKED FOR

From all indications a quick finish is looked for when the peace conference settles down to work. The commissions appointed for handling the various phases of the preliminary work have nearly completed their labors and everything will be in good shape to take quick action on when the final meetings are being held. It is that by many that the signing of the peace pact will take place about the middle of May.

#### MILITARY TERMS MADE PUBLIC

PARIS, March 1.—(P)—The military terms to be incorporated in the peace treaty which will come up for consideration Monday, along with the naval terms, provide for the disarmament of Germany to the extent of twenty divisions of infantry with a maximum of ten thousand men each. Restrictions on the manufacture of all classes of war material will be placed to the actual requirement of the country, no excess production being allowed. The commercial use of aeroplanes will be permitted, but no further. The naval terms provide for the suppression of the manufacture of submarine vessels, which means the termination of submarine warfare for all time.

#### PRESIDENT WILL ARRIVE IN TWO WEEKS

PARIS, March 1.—(P)—The arrival of President Wilson at Brest is expected to be about the middle of March. He will proceed direct to Paris and meet with the supreme council for considering the preliminary peace treaty, which is expected to be ready about March 22nd. It was announced today that part of the itinerary of the council between the perusal of the peace treaty and the meeting of the peace conference will be a visit to the devastated regions near Brussels. It is expected that the peace treaty will be ready for acting upon by April 10th, at which time the delegates of the allied powers and those representing Germany will meet for the final enactment of the peace terms.

### STEAMER DORA HAS BEEN SOLD

SEATTLE, March 1.—(P)—The little steamer Dora, a veteran of the westward Alaska run, was sold today to Lars Mikkelsen of this city. Shortly after the sale the boat was sent to one of the local shipyards and will be overhauled and put in shape to engage in the fishing trade. All of the passenger accommodations will be removed that space may be had for storage. It will be sent to the North in time to engage in the spring fishing operations.

Perhaps no vessel in the Northland has had the career of the Dora. For many years it plied the waters of Alaska, running along the west coast as far as the Aleutian islands. The departure of the vessel from the run will be like removing an old landmark.

The Roman was reported to be helpless at sea in the midst of a howling gale and considerable doubts were entertained as to its safety. Just what was the matter with the vessel was not stated in the despatch.

### SEVEN MILLION DEATHS RESULT OF WORLD WAR

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—According to the data compiled by General March over seven million deaths is the toll collected by the war. The exact figures given out place the loss of life at 7,354,000 and represents men killed in action and those who have died from their wounds.

In the division of the losses the nations entering into the figures suffered as follows: Russia, 1,700,000; Germany, 1,600,000; France, 1,385,000; England, 800,000; Italy, 460,000; Turkey, 400,000; Belgium, 102,000; Rumania, 100,000; United States, 50,000. The losses of the allies are placed at about five million; those of Germany and Turkey combined at two million. The losses of Austria have not been compiled.

### NO THIRD TERM FOR PRESIDENT CONTEMPLATED

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—Owing to a persistent rumor that mention had been made of the possible candidacy of President Wilson for a third term an inquiry was made of those who attended the White House dinner, from which function the statement had its source.

It has been learned that nothing approaching this subject was broached either during or after the dinner, although it had been mentioned that the President would not be a candidate for a third term.

The President, it was stated, yearned for the opportunity to return to his writing as he contemplated compiling a history of the war. Thru this remark some of those attending the dinner had gained the impression that he intends to retire to private life at the end of his term.

### KNOX ASSAILS LEAGUE NATIONS IN THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—Senator Philander C. Knox, former secretary of state, in an address to the senate today assailed the league of nations in as sarcastic a speech as has been heard on the floor for some time. He considered the proposed league as a striking down of American constitutional principles.

He proposed the formation of a new world organization which would preserve the Monroe Doctrine and save America from the results of European intrigue and aggression. This, he stated, would be a good substitute and answer the purpose just as well.

In making his attack he stated that the constitution of the league as presented to the peace conference sanctions and breeds and commands wars without any recourse on the part of the members of the league.

### REPUBLICANS STOLE MARCH

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—One of the slickest pieces of political work to be pulled off in the house took place at a late hour this afternoon. The republican members, finding themselves in a majority, suspended the rules of order and proceeded to take action on the contest that has been pending in the house since the election of 1916.

By their action Zebulon Weaver, a democrat from the tenth North Carolina district, was unseated in favor of James Britt, republican. The seat has been in contest since the last Carolina election and the final action was taken today, as noted. Weaver was re-elected last fall.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—Edward J. Gay, senator-elect from Louisiana, who is in this city to assume his duties, announced today that he would vote for a compromise on the suffrage resolution which will be introduced by Senator Jones at the next session. It is believed that with his vote the required two-thirds majority necessary to pass the measure will be obtainable.